CONSTITUTION OF A SEPARATE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE MARKET COMMITTEE FOR HIREKERUR TALUK.

*Q.--470. Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO (Hirekerur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are aware that the people of Hirekerur Taluk have been demanding for a separate Agricultural Produce Market Committee since two years;

(*b*) whether they are aware of the inconvenience caused to the agriculturists of Hirekerur Taluk as the A. P. M. C. constituted for Hirekerur and Byadagi functions as Byadagi far away from Hirekerur Taluk;

(*c*) what time they would take to order for an A. P. M. C. for Hirekerur Taluk only;

(*d*) whether they have finalised the selection of the site for the market yard at Hirekerur?

*A.—Sri MALI MARIYAPPA (Minister for Co-operation).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No, as there is already a sub-market of the Agricultural Produce Market Committee, Byadagi, at Hirekerur.

(*c*) The matter is under examination.

(*d*) This is also under examination.

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—Is it not a fact that the Government have already issued a notification in July last calling for objections to establish a separate market committee in Hirekerur taluk?

†Sri MALI MARIYAPPA.—That is a preliminary notification. After hearing objections a final notification will be issued. It is now in that stage.

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—In view of the pressing demands of the people of Hirekerur taluk, will the Government expedite the matter of establishing an independent market committee soon?

Sri MALI MARIYAPPA.—The matter is under consideration. It would not be very appropriate to say this way or that way.

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—Whether the Government are aware that Hirekerur is growing into a big market?

Sri MALI MARIYAPPA.—That matter will also be taken into consideration.

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—In finalising the selection of a site would Government take into consideration the proximity of the site to the area of production, the transport facilities available, and the conveniences and wishes of the people of the area?

Sri MALI MARIYAPPA.--All relevant factors will be taken into consideration.

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—Are Government aware that Hirekerur taluk is centrally situated in the area of agricultural production ?

Sri MALI MARIYAPPA.—The proposal is to bifurcate it from the Byadagi market committee. There is a sub-yard also there and therefore whether it is centrally situated will have to be judged from the various sub-yards that are there and the main market.

Sri M. R. PATIL.—What is the difficulty in the way of coming to a conclusion regarding the selection of a site at an early date ?

Sri MALI MARIYAPPA.—There are two local opinions on this issue. One group wants the market to be located towards the eastern portion of Hirekerur town. Another group wants the market yard to be located to the western side of the town. It would be better if the site is selected unanimously. In view of this, we are trying to evolve a common formula acceptable to all sides.

Sri A. S. PATIL.—Is Hirekerur a viable unit ?

Sri MALI MARIYAPPA.—That is also a consideration. I think market committees, once established, become viable units. (*laughter*).

TREATING OF THE SARANJAM VILLAGES OF RAO RASTE IN MUDDEBIHAL TALUK AS GRANTS OF SOIL.

*Q.—483. Sri P. G. SIDHANTI (Muddebihal).—

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the hardship caused to occupants by non-recognition and refusal of entering in the Record of Rights of transfers for last eight years in four ex-Saranjam villages of Rao Raste in Muddebihal Taluk of Bijapur District ;

(*b*) whether they are aware that Maharashtra Government have held the Rao Raste Saranjam grant as grant of the soil and that major portion of Saranjam lay in that State ;

(*c*) whether Government intend to accept the view of the Maharashtra Government and accept the transfers by occupants as valid ?

A.—Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) This Government have passed orders to treat the four villages of Rao Raste situated in Bijapur District as grants of soil in G. O. No. RD 3 SPR 57 of 1. th February 1961.

Sri P. G. SIDHANTI.—May I know the date on which this land was given ?